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DEPARTMENT'S 1977 YEN CURRENCY ALLOCATION PROVIDES FOR DLR354,201 FOR 20 GRANTS TO AMERICANS. USEC/J HAS COMPLETED INITIAL SELECTION OF SENIOR SCHOLARS AS INDICATED IN SEPARATE TELEGRAM. PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT OF FUNDS SHOWS THAT AFTER RESERVING FUNDS FOR THREE KYOTO SEMINAR LECTURERS, FOUR REGULAR LECTURERS, FOUR RESEARCHERS, ONE JOURNALIST, ONE POSTDOCTORATE, AND ONE CREATIVE ARTIST FOR A TOTAL OF 14 GRANTS, THERE ARE INSUFFICIENT FUNDS REMAINING TO COVER SIX MORE GRANTS. THERE ARE TWO REASONS FOR THIS DISCREPANCY IN ALLOCATION AND COMMITMENT.

1. ALLOCATION MADE BASED ON 300 YEN TO ONE DOLLAR. FIRST QUARTER FUNDS RECEIVED AT 295 YEN TO ONE DOLLAR AND FUTURE FUNDS MAY BE RECEIVED AT EVEN LOWER RATE. IF TOTAL YEN CURRENCY ALLOCATION IS CONVERTED AT 295 YEN TO ONE DOLLAR, THE DIFFERENCE FROM ALLOCATION IS DLR6,004.

2. WHEN USEC/J SUBMITS BUDGET, IT NORMALLY CALCULATES SCHOOL ALLOWANCE FOR ONE CHILD FOR EACH SENIOR GRANTEE. USUALLY, THE ALLOCATION BALANCES OUT SINCE SOME GRANTEES DO NOT REQUIRE ALLOWANCE WHILE OTHERS HAVE TWO CHILDREN. 1977 GRANTEES SELECTED THUSFAR WILL BE UTILIZING MAXIMUM SCHOOL ALLOWANCE PROVIDED FOR ALL GRANTEES.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE AND BECAUSE THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN ITS MINIMUM AMERICAN PROGRAM, AN ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION
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FROM CENTRAL FALL-OUT FUNDS OF DLR6,004 IS HEREBY REQUESTED

SO THAT THE COMMISSION CAN ACTUALLY AWARD SIX MORE GRANTS TO
TOTAL 20 AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED AND ALLOCATED.
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